

Miami County Solid Waste District
Minutes for the March 19, 2012 Meeting

Attendance: Jon Faust, Craig Boyer, Tom Gustin, Josh Francis, Don Morris, Shirley Mull, Pat Roberts, Samantha Ward, and Carla Smith. Absent: Jim Walker.

At 8:04 A.M. the meeting was called to order by Tom Gustin.

The minutes of February 21, 2012 meeting were presented. Jon Faust motioned to accept the minutes as is Craig Boyer seconded, motion passed. The minutes of the February 29, 2012 special meeting were presented. Jon Faust motioned to accept the minutes as is, Josh Francis seconded, motion passed.

The March 2012 financial statement was presented by Samantha Ward. Regular monthly bills were presented. The Peru Tribune bill was for ads for the new electronics program. The WARU bill is for the regular monthly contract, and the additional amount of \$100.00 is for sponsorship of the entire season of NASCAR races and the Indy 500. Samantha thinks this is additional advertising that can reach more people who don't listen to WARU throughout the week. The USA Data bill was for purchasing the "saturation list" of addresses to be used when mailing out the event flyers. The bill was for approximately \$75.00 less than the original quote. The bill for the USPS was to cover the mailing of the event flyers. Craig Boyer moved to approve the financial report as is, Shirley Mull seconded, motion passed.

Samantha reported that the progress on the event flyers was running about a week behind, due to scheduling and equipment problems. The flyers are finished and will be mailed out this afternoon. Samantha mentioned to the board that she did put some of the event information on her personal Facebook status in hopes of reaching some people.

The District received just one bid for Beautification Day dumpster service. This bid was from Wabash Valley (Republic). Their bid was \$290.00 per container. This is \$10.00 less than the cost of the service last year. Craig Boyer motioned to approve Wabash Valley's bid, Don Morris seconded, and the motion passed.

Samantha introduced Jen Rankin, director of the Wabash County Solid Waste District, who gave a presentation on the benefits of having a permanent facility for all of the District Programs. Jen shared Wabash County's annual report from 2010 with the board. The biggest benefit was the ability to warehouse items and store more problem waste. When you have larger quantities, the disposal price is lower. The disposal companies are not paying for partial truckloads of things. Another benefit was the ability to have special events on-site, which saves on advertising for events we currently hold in different locations. The public knows everything is handled at the Solid Waste building. The ability to take in problem waste that people just don't know what to do with, such as farmers with unknown chemicals. Wabash County has a reuse center for things that are brought in that are still working, cleaners or chemicals that were purchased either in error, or that people didn't want to use, latex paint, and computers or appliances that have minor things wrong with them. The county residents can come in to the center during regular business hours and "shop" the shelves for free. The hours for the facility are M-F 8 AM until 5 PM. They still have people leaving things at the facility after hours, even though there are signs

stating not to leave items at the site unattended. Having the facility is good for public relations. The public can see the programs in action, and have a more positive view of the district.

Wabash County SWMD leases the front of the building to another government agency which generates \$1200.00 per month revenue. Things handled at the site are problem and hazardous waste only-things like tires, appliances, electronics, mercury, etc. They do not manage any of the recyclables for the county. The facility provides room for educational programs for schools, churches, clubs, organizations, and other groups. They regularly give tours to both groups and individuals. The building is entirely “green”, and recycled materials are used throughout. Some items were reused and saved from being put into the landfill. The public can see what kinds of sustainability products can be used instead of buying new materials. The district employs a full time director, a full time warehouse manager, and two part time secretaries. Illegal dumps are handled by the highway department and the DNR. Tire dumps are cleaned up by Leffler Tire, who then bills the district. The city and county police do a complete investigation of illegal dumps. Businesses are charged a small fee for dropping things off. At the beginning of the year, the district gives all businesses a Credit Coupon worth the amount of the yearly fee that they can redeem when dropping items off.

Jon Faust motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 AM, Shirley Mull seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,